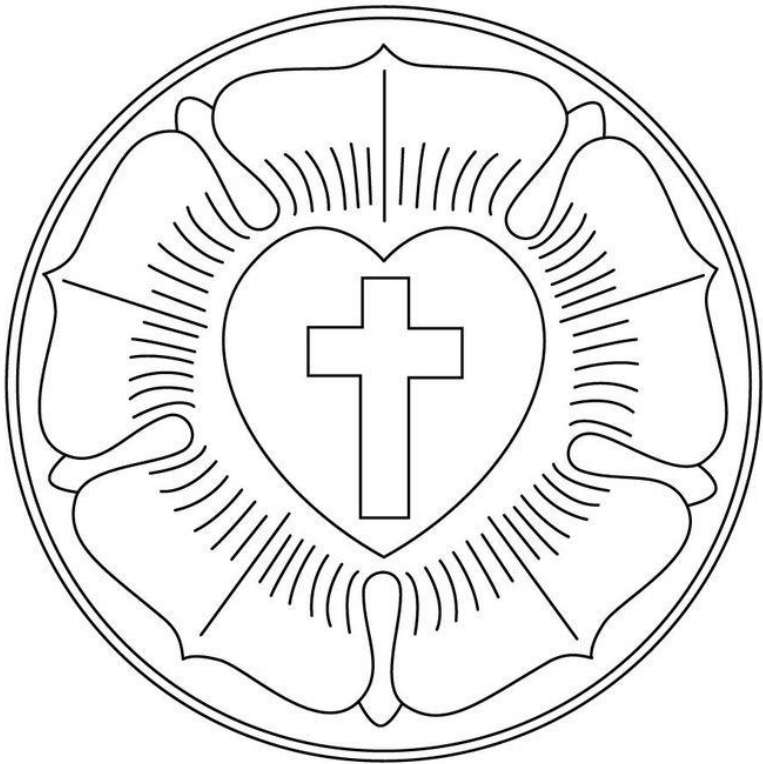


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29 OCTOBER 2023



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 10

The liturgy is in the front of the ELW starting on page 203.

The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sins.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

HYMN #769 "IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU"

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE [PAGE 203]

♪ Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE [PAGE 204]

♪ Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

C: Amen

READINGS

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [PAGE 205]

♪ Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

HYMN #666 “WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(Each petition ends: P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.)

P: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. *(concluding ...our Savior and Lord.)*

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE [PAGE 207]

P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

C: **♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Holy Communion is celebrated today.

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♪ O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

HYMN INSERT "HE LEADETH ME: OH, BLESSED THOUGHT!"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION HYMN

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding*...Jesus Christ our Lord.)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #504 “A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God!

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

Organist: Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

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Lector: Eva Burke

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This Week At A Glance

Tuesday	4:00 pm	Trick or Treat Costume Parade at Wheatland Manor & Lincolnway Villa
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Confirmation at Faith
	7:00 pm	Bible Jam at Faith
	7:00 pm	Education committee at Faith
Thursday	6:00 pm	Worship committee at Faith
	6:30 pm	Council meetings at Faith
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship service at Faith
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Our Savior's
	10:30 am	Worship service at Our Savior's

Those to keep in prayer: the family of Shirley Ferguson; Mallory Boussetot; the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Petersen, Rusty Porth, Betty Schau, Bus Seastrand and Vera St. John; and those serving in the military.

The **God Squad** youth are serving a soup luncheon following worship at Our Savior's today. The meal is a fundraiser for Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree project. God Squad will buy the gifts. The Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland and the DeWitt Referral Center distribute the gifts to local kids in need.

All Saint's Sunday is November 5th. Please list the names of loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year on the sheet located at the back of each sanctuary. They will be remembered during the service.

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING. STOCKHOLDERS

Dalton, David, Macailah, and Peyton are looking for investors who want to share in the experience of the **2024 ELCA Youth Gathering** in New Orleans. The estimated cost of this once-in-a-lifetime event is \$800 per person. By investing in our youth, you will receive mail from them while at the Gathering and an exclusive invitation to a supper when they return.

Become a stockholder at \$50 per share. Fill out and follow the directions on the form located at the back of the sanctuary. Contact Heather Grau at (563) 424-0507 if you have questions. Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

ONE YEAR EVALUATION OF PASTOR HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

The Joint Council will meet with Pastor Dan Kuckuck of the Office of the Bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod on Thursday, November 2nd. If you have constructive feedback on Pastor Leah's first year at Faith and Our Savior's, please send your comments by email to:

Mark Witte, Faith council chair:

markwitte@iowatelecom.net

OR

Mary Timmerman, Our Savior's council chair:

haynik215@gmail.com

Those messages should be sent by the end of October. Thank you for your interest in the ministry of Pastor Leah and Our Savior's and Faith Lutheran Churches.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Try reading the book of Acts in the Bible and not getting excited about the growth of the early church. The disciples heard and obeyed the risen Christ when he commanded, "go into all the world and preach the gospel." (Matthew 28:19)

Through that phenomenal growth, the Roman Catholic Church developed. It was the only official body of believers for hundreds of years until the great schism in 1054. At times there was discord among Roman Catholic leaders. But when one 16th-century priest publically disagreed with some practices, it was a turning point in church history.

In autumn, 1517, the sound of a hammer was heard throughout the world and it did not come from a construction site. It originated in the heart and soul of a Roman Catholic priest who had had enough of the corruption and false teaching streaming out of Rome—Martin Luther.

Luther took a bold and dangerous step as he nailed a paper to the door of a Cathedral in Wittenberg, Germany on which he had written 95 complaints against the only Christian community of his day - his own Church. It is known as the 95 theses.

It went down in history as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The protests that were written that day for the public to see began the most dramatic reform within Christianity.

It did not take many days after the appearance of these complaints for discontent to grow into conflict. Some believers wanted change and some did not. Fearing for Martin Luther's safety, a sympathetic friend led him into the protection of a castle

It was there that Luther reaffirmed the strength and comfort of a mighty God. Within his temporary hiding place, the words of Psalm 46:1 came alive and vibrant for him: *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble."*

During those days of solitude, prayer and Bible study, Luther began a translation of the Scriptures into German. He firmly believed that "all people must be able to read God's word for themselves." It was the accepted norm of the day that the Bible, written in Latin, was only read by the priest.

Likewise, he believed that church music was for everyone to sing. "The devil who is the originator of sorrowful anxieties and restless trouble,

flees before the sound of God's music almost as much as before the Word of God," Luther declared.

With that inspiration, he composed the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." It is a bold affirmation of our powerful and loving God:

*"A mighty fortress is our God. A bulwark never failing.
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal."*

Luther was armed with renewed determination that he would not recant his protests against the Catholic Church. After a struggle of several years with officials in Rome, he was excommunicated in 1520.

This was only the beginning of his continued teaching and preaching with great enthusiasm. He proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ to small gatherings. Soon those new fellowships of Christian believers grew. Some scoffed at them by calling them, "Lutherans." Thus, the first denomination was named.

He died in 1546 at the age of sixty three in the town of his birth, Eisleben, Saxony, Germany. Not a perfect man, Luther was known at times to be crass, harsh, and he held to many of the prejudices that were prevalent in his day. As the saying goes: the best of men are men at best. We can all be thankful that God raises up and uses unworthy people like us to accomplish His ends.

From the writings of professor Kenneth Osbeck in *101 Hymn Stories*, we read that Luther's famous hymn is the most powerful one of the Protestant Reformation. Osbeck writes: "It became the battle cry of the people, a great source of strength .This hymn has been translated into practically every known language and is regarded as one of the noblest and most classic examples of Christian hymnody."

This hymn covers the full sweep of the Christian's life. In it, we find the answer to conflict, striving, spiritual warfare, and at last, victory. The second verse describes it beautifully:

*"Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side, The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that might be? Christ Jesus it is He.
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same.
And He must win the battle."*

Written by Lucy Neeley Adams (www.52hymns.com)

THE FIVE SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION

SOLA FIDE (FAITH ALONE) – People are saved only through trusting Christ, not by good works.

- *“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.” (Romans 3:28)*
- *“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” (Romans 4:5)*

SOLUS CHRISTUS (CHRIST ALONE) – People are saved only through Christ and do not need to go through a priest or anyone else.

- *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)*
- *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2:5)*

SOLA SCRIPTURA (SCRIPTURE ALONE) – The Bible is God’s written Word, and it alone, not human tradition or the church, is the final, perfect, authority for what we believe and do.

- *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*
- *“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:20-21)*

SOLA GRATIA (GRACE ALONE) – People are saved only by God’s grace. Salvation is a gift that cannot be deserved, bought, or earned.

- *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)*
- *“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:24)*

SOLI DEO GLORIA (FOR GOD’S GLORY ALONE) – God alone will receive all glory, including for man’s salvation. Man cannot boast in God’s sight, but must honor God as supremely important and valuable.

- *For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. (Romans 11:36)*
- *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)*